

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the cancellation of claims 1-30 without prejudice.

Applicant further requests entry of the amendments to claim 31 and the addition of new claims 34-45.

In the final Office Action, dated November 8, 2004, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; claims 11-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). Applicant respectfully notes that claims 1-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. In the Office Action, claims 31-33 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over “Our Technology”, ITA software, 4/24/01 (hereafter “ITA”) in view of Daughtrey. Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the amendments to independent claim 1 and the addition of new claims 34-45, all claims presently at issue (claims 31-45) are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 31 recites a method of displaying rental car data on a display device in communication with a computer system. The steps of displaying on a display device recited in the claimed method are not indefinite and involve the technological arts. Thus, independent claim 31 recites patentable subject matter. Additionally, neither ITA nor Daughtrey teach or suggest the step of identifying rental car companies having one or more vehicles available that meet the search requirements of user defined search criteria of a search performed for a rental car. ITA does not teach or suggest searches performed for rental cars and certainly does not suggest the step of identifying car rental companies having vehicles available that meet the search requirements of the user defined search criteria. Moreover, in the June 24, 2004 Office Action (at p.4) it is admitted that “ITA does not disclose displaying car rental information”. Identifying the availability of vehicles at rental car companies is simply not taught in the ITA

reference. Daughtrey merely discusses summaries of travel fare rates and regulations and likewise fails to mention or even suggest identifying rental car companies having vehicles available that meet search requirements of user defined search criteria. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 31 is in condition for allowance. Claims 32-45 recite additional steps which depend from allowable independent claim 31 and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these claims also are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims at issue are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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